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(D) STATE 208317; (E) WILCOX 7/20/76 LTR. TO LONG

FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED FROM SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEEK
WITH CANO AND OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYDRAULIC
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (INCYTH)(VELEZ).

1. EXPOSITION: DETAILS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED.
CANO IS AWAITING ISSUANCE OF A GOA DECREE. USSR AND SEVERAL
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INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, UK HAS INQUIRED

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ABOUT IT. CANO URGES USG (AS WELL AS PRIVATE COMPANY) PARTI-
CIPATION IN VIEW OF EXPECTED LARGE SOVIET EXHIBIT.

2. TECHNICAL SEMINARS: DETAILS ARE AS PROVIDED REF (E). GILBERT
WHITE (INST. OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, U. OF COLO.-BOULDER) IS
ONE U.S. EXPERT CANO URGES ATTEND, BUT LIST OF MORE HAS BEEN
PROMISED. SEMINARS WILL BE ARGENTINE-ORGANIZED AND SOMEWHAT
ARGENTINE-ORIENTED IN SUBJECT MATTER. OTHER THAN TIMING AND
PLACE, CANO SAYS THEY WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF MAIN CONFERENCE.
(WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT SUMMARIES OF RESULTS OF SEMINARS
WILL BE PRINTED IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES AND WILL NO DOUBT BE AVAIL-
ABLE TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTSM WE WOULD NOT THEREFORE BE
SURPRISED IF SOME DELEGATION(S) INTRODUCED ONE OR MORE FORMALLY
INTO THE CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS APPARENTLY NOT CANO'S
INTENTION). CANO INDICATES THAT AN EXPERT PARTICIPATING IN A
SEMINAR WOULD BE AWAY NO MORE THAN 2 DAYS FROM MAIN MEETING.
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND ARE INVITING
FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS DIRECTLY. (EXCEPT IN RARE CASES,
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WILL NOT OFFER PAY EXPENSES. ONE EX-
CEPTION IS VEN TE CHOW OF ILLINOIS WHO WILL BE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR ON "SYSTEMS ANALYSIS APPLIED TO WATER
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT".)

3. WATER CONFERENCE, MAR DEL PLATA: FOUR ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE-
A PLENARY WITH 3 SEATS COUNTRY, TWO COMMITTEE ROOMS WITH 2 SEATS
COUNTRY, PLUS A WORKING GROUP ROOM FOR 50. THE LATTER WILL NOT
RPT NOT HAVE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. PLANS CALL FOR THREE
COMMITTEES. IN VIEW OF HEIGHTENED INTEREST BY THIS YEAR'S
DROUGHTS AND FLOODS, CANO EXPECTS STRONG AND DEEP PARTICIPATION
FROM AROUND THE WORLD. SOME COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WILL BE
DEPENDENT ON UNEP FINANCING TO TRAVEL, HOWEVER. UK HAS INDI-
CATED IT WILL SEND A DELEGATION OF EIGHT (8); CANO HOPES FOR
MANY MORE FROM US.

4. NGO'S. EACH WILL BE ASKED BY UN IF THEY WISH TO BE INVITED.
IF REPLY IS AFFIRMATIVE, THEY WILL BE INVITED AND GIVEN A SEAT
AND A VOICE. CANO IS CONCERNED THAT SOME NGO'S NOT RPT NOT
DIRECTLY RELATED TO WATER INTERESTS ARE PLANNING MEETINGS IN
MAR DEL PLATA AT SAME TIME AND COULD CREATE SOME PROBLEMS.

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5. ECLA PREPATORY MEETING: ARGENTINA WILL SEND DELEGATION
OF TEN TO MEETING. CANO WILL BE DELEGATE AND WATER RESOURCES
UNDERSECRETARY HIS ALTERNATE.

6. CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT: TO DATE, CANO THINKS IT IS DOING A
GOOD JOB WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS VERY LITTLE FUNDS.

7. MAGEED: CANO HAS KNOWN HIM FOR TEN YEARS AND REGARDS HIM

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AS CAPABLE PROFESSIONAL, WELL QUALIFIED FOR JOB. HE IS DUE IN B.A. AUG 25, AND WILL FLY TO LIMA WITH CANO (AND WILCOX) AUG 28.

8. CONFERENCE SECURITY: CANO IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE "STRICT" SECURITY FOR THE MAR DEL PLATA CONFERENCE. HE (AND WE) HOPE THAT THE TERRORISM SITUATION WILL BE SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED BY MARCH.

9. CONTENTIOUS ISSUES: ARGENTINA PLANS TO INTRODUCE NONE AND TO WORK (AS WE DO) TOWARD POSITIVE RESULTS FROM ECLA MEETING AND CONFERENCE ITSELF. CANO UNDER NO ILLUSIONS, HOWEVER, AS HE WELL AWARE OTHERS LIKELY PRESENT SUCH ISSUES. WE HAVE IMPRESSION ARG. DEL WILL REFER TO FAVORABLE UNGA RESOLUTION ON SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES, WHICH WILL NO DOUBT EVOKE BRAZILIAN RE-SPNSE.

10. NEW REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: CANO UNDER-STANDS SOME CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES MAY PUSH AT LIMA FOR SOME SUCH INSTITUTION.

11. ARGENTINE THEMATIC PAPERS: FOLLOWING ARE FREE TRANSLATIONS OF TITLES OF PAPERS BEING PREPARED BY HOST GOVERNMENT:

A. EDUCATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN THE INSTITUTIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND LEGAL ASPECTS (A. VAZQUEZ AVILA)

B. SUBTERRANEAN WATERS IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID ZONES (A. GALVAN)

C. MANAGEMENT OF BASINS, CONTROL OF ALLUVIA, EROSION, AND SEDI-MENTATION (H. PEREZ, SCARTACHINI)

D. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH OF AN HYDRAULIC CHARACTER IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (H. PEREZ)
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E. MICROLOGICAL RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHED BY THE WATER & POWER BOARD (AEE)

F. HYDRAULIC INFORMATION (M. FUSCHINI MEJIA)

G. SEISMIC RISK IN HYDRAULIC WORKS (J. C. CASTANO)

H. HYDRAULIC BASIN COMMITTEES (UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR HYDRAULIC RESOURCES)

I. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR HYDRAULIC RESEARCH (M. BARCHILON, APPLIED HYDRAULICS LAB, INCYTH)

J. SUPPLY OF POTABLE WATER (A. PLANAS, SNAP)

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K. METHODOLOGY OF HYDRAULIC PLANNING (V. H. PEREZ, INCYTH)

L. REMOTE SENSING IN HYDROLOGY (NATIONAL SPACE RESEARCH COMMISSION-CNIE AND H. RICCIARDI)

M. ARTIFICIAL RAIN AND HAIL PRECIPITATION (CNIE)

12. JOURNALISTS: UN PUBLICITY OFFICE WILL HOLD SEMINAR FOR SOME 300 JOURNALISTS AT MAR DEL PLATA ON MAR. 10 AND 11 IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE. SOME 40 WILL BE INVITED AT UN EXPENSE.

13. ARGENTINE OBJECTIVE: CANO SEEKS LIMA AND MAR DEL PLATA ENDORSEMENT OF ARGENTINA AS SEAT FOR WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE OF UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY. GOA IS PROPOSING THAT THIS INSTITUTE BE LOCATED IN MENDOZA. HE SEEKS US SUPPORT. WE PLAN TO SUPPORT IN LIMA (WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO MAR DEL PLATA) IF LATAM CONSENSUS ALSO SUPPORTS.
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